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Via e-mail: 76360-63126524@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2018-01124-F

Dear Ms. Best

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Copies of records mentioning or describing Pride Month activities, events or observances in 2017, 2018, or 2019. This includes but is not limited to:

- Directives
- Policies
- Pride flag
- Commemoration
- Publications
- Emails, memos, letter, and other communications with OGAs or the White House.

Your request has been assigned to DOE's Office of Economic Impact and Diversity (ED) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and the review of any documents located, you will be provided a response.

In your letter, you requested a waiver of all fees associated with the processing of the request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requestor. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost.

Pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.9(8), I have reviewed the information you provided in the request to support your request for a fee waiver. I have determined the information



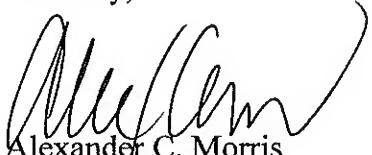
satisfies the criteria considered for a waiver of fees. A waiver, therefore, is appropriate for any fees that may be incurred because the subject of the request relates to a government activity, and information about the activity could lead to greater understanding by the public about the matter. You also have demonstrated the ability and intent of your organization to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955 or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Erica Lewis at MA-46/ Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at 202-586-1355.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,



Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information